

Spotlight



on Student Assessment and Accountability

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Don't Miss Out on the 2015 Conferences on Student Assessment and Accountability!

August 20 through September 1, 2015

Get your school year off to a great start by attending one of the 4 conference locations below:

- **August 20:** Lansing Center, Lansing, MI
- **August 25:** Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, MI
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This is a great opportunity to hear the latest information regarding the 2016 M-STEP, early literacy initiatives, educator evaluations, legislative updates, accountability, and much more! **Register now for the one-day conference.** Don't miss out!

For registration and a list of session topics, please go to [2015 Conferences on Student Assessment and Accountability](http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability) (<http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability>).



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Fall 2015 KEA Pre-ID Preparation

A number of required activities related to schools participating in the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) will begin in **mid-August**. These include KEA Pre-ID and assigning students to Test Sessions in the MDE Secure Site. Pre-ID is a process by which schools identify students who are participating in statewide assessments via a secure site that holds sensitive individual student information.

In order to ensure that all KEA activities occur smoothly, building principals **must** ensure that districts identify or re-validate the individual(s) listed as the KEA Coordinator in the Educational Entity Master (EEM). The person designated as the KEA Coordinator will be responsible for supporting the KEA process and ensuring that MDE communication regarding the KEA is distributed to participating teachers. The KEA Coordinator should be the point person for the following activities in the MDE Secure Site:

- Add Kindergarten students to the Fall 2015 KEA Test Cycle in the MDE Secure Site
- Assign Kindergarten students to test sessions (i.e. classes that will be administering the KEA) in the MDE Secure Site

If you have been identified to serve as your district or school KEA Coordinator and this is your first time accessing the MDE Secure Site, it is strongly recommended that you touch base with another person in your district who is knowledgeable about Secure Site procedures. This may include talking to the M-STEP, MI-Access, MME, or WIDA Test Coordinator in your district. You can also find all information related to the MDE Secure Site by going to [Secure Site Training and Resource Materials](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_57003--,00.htm) (http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_57003--,00.htm).

If you have never before accessed the MDE Secure Site, you will need an account established for you. Please follow the [Division of Accountability Services Secure Site Access](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/how_to_access_secure_site_464585_7.pdf) procedures (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/how_to_access_secure_site_464585_7.pdf).

For more information on identifying individuals as the KEA Coordinator in the EEM for your district or building please contact the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) at 517-335-0505 ext. 3 or go to the [CEPI website](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986_10485--,00.html) (http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986_10485--,00.html).

For further information related to KEA roles and responsibilities, please review the KEA Roles and Responsibilities document available the week of August 10th at www.michigan.gov/kea.

Sending Scores Back Program for Shared Educational Entities (SEEs and S2E2s)

Application to Participate DUE SOON!

ISDs, consortiums, or districts that operate or participate in a school or program that is exclusively for one of the following purposes:

- Alternative Education
- Early/Middle College
- Gifted & Talented
- Special Education

may benefit by applying to participate in the "Sending Scores Back" Program for school accountability.

Shared Educational Entities are entities that do not receive a Michigan School Accountability Scorecard (previously AYP), accreditation grade, or Top-to-Bottom school ranking for operating as a "good deed" school or program for special interest educational services. The Sending Scores Back Program is offered as a benefit for schools or programs offering these types of educational services, providing them additional flexibility in the reporting of traditional school accountability elements.

Shared Educational Entities (SEEs) and Shared Specialized Educational Entities (S2E2s) that

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participated in the Sending Scores Back program for the 2014–2015 school year will need to **reapply to maintain their status as a SEE or S2E2** in the Sending Scores Back Program for the 2015–2016 school year.

Applications are a completely online process and are due by **Monday, August 24, 2015 at 5:00 PM**.

For more information on the 2015–2016 Sending Scores Back Program, including the application and other informational resources regarding SEEs/S2E2s, please visit: www.michigan.gov/sees.

Annual Education Report (AER) Update

The MDE has negotiated an agreement with the United States Department of Education (USED) to delay the district publishing deadline of the Annual Education Report (AER) until the appropriate data are

available. It is currently anticipated that data necessary for the creation of AERs will not be ready until late fall 2015. Please note that the general report information, cover letter templates, and combined report data on MISchoolData.org have not been updated to reflect the 2014–15 school year information.

In addition to the delay of the district publishing deadline of the AER, two other changes were approved for 2014–15 only. These changes are:

- Exclusion of accountability statuses
- Assessment proficiency compared to statewide averages instead of accountability proficiency compared to local proficiency targets

Further details will be provided to schools and districts as it becomes available.

SAT Corner

Information provided by the College Board

SAT Suite of Assessments Counselor and Implementation Workshops

This fall, the College Board will host eight free on-site **Counselor Workshops** across the state of Michigan to provide school counselors with the information they need to help students prepare for college and career success. The College Board Counselor Workshops will include:

- Important information on the redesigned assessments
- Updates on other College Board programs and services
- Key resources and information on financial aid and college planning

- Valuable networking opportunities

In addition to these 3-hour morning workshops, later in the afternoon at the same locations the College Board will be hosting **Implementation Workshops for the SAT Suite of Assessments**. These workshops are designed for Michigan school administrators, counselors, and test coordinators. These workshops will familiarize participants with the implementation processes for the College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments, including the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT. These sessions are aimed at deepening the level of information provided in previous overview sessions, including the morning Counselor Workshops. These sessions will complement the information provided at the MDE

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Fall DAS Conference meetings in August and early September, and will serve as a preview to the more in-depth implementation information you will receive about the SAT during the MME Testing Webcast on October 6.

These workshops have been created to benefit Building Administrators, Counselors, and Test Center Supervisors.

During these sessions, the educators will have an opportunity to learn more about

- the benefits of the College Board assessments - beyond the tests, and

focused on the opportunities they help deliver to all students across Michigan;

- the preparation for and the administration of the College Board exams;
- the spring implementation timelines;
- professional development offerings; and
- much more.

Registrants can participate in either or both the morning and afternoon workshop sessions.

Choose a workshop near you and register today:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	FACILITY	REGISTRATION LINK
Sep 21	Rochester	9:00 a.m.	Oakland University	Register for workshop in Rochester https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021509211
Sep 22	Detroit	9:00 a.m.	Wayne State University	Register for workshop in Detroit https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021509221
Sep 24	Dearborn	9:00 a.m.	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Register for workshop in Dearborn https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021509243
Sep 28	Kalamazoo	9:00 a.m.	Western Michigan University - Kalamazoo	Register for workshop in Kalamazoo https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021509283
Sep 29	Grand Rapids	9:00 a.m.	Western Michigan University - East Beltline	Register for workshop in Grand Rapids https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021509292
Sep 29	East Lansing	9:00 a.m.	Michigan State University	Register for workshop in East Lansing https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021509294
Oct 6	Mount Pleasant	9:00 a.m.	Central Michigan University	Register for workshop in Mount Pleasant https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021510063
Oct 8	Marquette	9:00 a.m.	Northern Michigan University	Register for workshop in Marquette https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=3021510081

Important Dates

Approaching Deadlines!

KEA

- **August 14, 2015:** The last date schools and their Kindergarten teachers can register to administer the KEA this fall.

WIDA

- **August 15, 2015:** The Pre-K Cycle for the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) in the MDE Secure Site closes. This cycle is reserved for students who are enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2015–2016 school year. Pre-K students only need the Speaking and Listening domains administered.

Scores for all students taking the W-APT must be entered into the MDE Secure Site regardless of how well they score. **Please note:** Entering W-APT scores into the MDE Secure Site does not automatically identify a student as an English Learner (EL). Designations for student demographics such as this are managed through the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Educators should refer to the Office of Field Service's (OFS) *Entrance and Exit Protocol* when making a decision about identifying students as EL. Please call OFS at 517-373-6066 or access *Entrance and Exit Protocol* PDF and Webinar under **What's New** on the [Education Improvement and Innovation](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_40078---,00.html) web page (http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_40078---,00.html) for the most current information.

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Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.